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Mayor Fenty at SWNA, Mon. Jan. 26

By Peter Atlee

We are set to have an exciting community meeting this month. Please join SWNA on January 26, 2009 at 7:30pm in the sanctuary of St. Augustine's Church (6th St and M St SW). This year we will kick off Black History Month a little early by celebrating in January and again in February. Highly-honored civil rights activist Dorothy Height, who always promises an inspiring message, has been invited to speak on the occasion, and we were also recently informed that the Mayor will be attending the meeting. We are honored to have the Mayor's presence.

The meeting will conclude with some community announcements, including information on the upcoming SWNA elections in March as well as some remarks about the transition to digital television on Feb. 17. We hope to see you all there.

"Natsfest" Sun. Jan. 25 at Park, \$10, \$5 age 12

The Washington Nationals baseball team will hold a four hour FanFest inside the exclusive suites and convention center at Nationals Park, 1PM TO 5 PM on Sun., Jan. 25, to connect with their fans and the community in the region before they head to Viera, FL for the start of the Spring Training season in mid-Feb. Nationals players, coaches, front office executives and broadcasters will take part in Sunday's NatsFest and on Mon., Jan. 26, 10:30 am to 11:30 am with visit to Amidon-Bowen Elementary School in Southwest Washington and Children's National Medical Center.

The Sun. event will be indoors in the Lexus Presidents club, PNC Diamond Club, Stars & Stripes Club and in the Nationals Park Conference Center.

All Nationals fans may purchase tickets either online at www.nationals.com/natsfest, or by calling 1-888-632-NATS (6287) or at the Nationals Park Main Box Office (Monday through Friday, 10:00am-5:00pm). The cost of the event is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under the age of 12.



A joint military color guard practicing for the 2009 Inaugural Parade is at the head of columns of service personnel.

Andy Litsky New Chair of ANC 6D

At its first meeting of the new year ANC 6D elected the following officers for one year terms:

Chair: Andy Litsky
Vice-Chair: Bob Siegel
Secretary: David Sobelsohn
Treasurer: Jane Jorgensen



Commissioners of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D, have started their two year terms after being elected at the General Election Nov. 4. Left to right Ron McBee, David Sobelsohn, Rhonda Hamilton, Roger Moffatt, Jane Jorgensen, Bob Siegel, Andy Litsky.



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Roland Freeman with one of the quilts in the exhibit he is curating, called Quilts For Obama.

Quilts for Obama

By Lida Churchville

The Historical Society of Washington, D.C is featuring its exhibit, "Quilts for Obama," in collaboration with the Women of Color Quilters Network and The Group for Cultural Documentation, Inc. (TGCD). As part of the city's inaugural celebration activities, the exhibit opened with a reception on Sunday, Jan. 11 and continues through Jan. 31.

This exhibit was the idea of guest curator Roland Freeman, an admirer of quilts and the women who make them. A renowned photographer and folklorist, Freeman has traveled the nation documenting the world of African-American quilters

In response to Mr. Freeman's pleas, talented quilt makers created this commemorative exhibit of approximately 60 quilts from places that have influenced Obama's life including Hawaii, Kenya, South Carolina and Kansas. Indeed, the exhibit includes a quilt from South Carolina by Mrs. Carrie Nelson, the oldest living member of Michelle Robinson Obama's family. The 60 quilts in the exhibit were designed by 44 talented quilt makers, all members of The Women of Color Quilters Network, celebrating the inauguration of our nation's 44th President.

Come back to see the "Quilts for Obama" exhibit all through January. And don't forget - the 7th Street Circulator Bus will take you from Southwest D.C. straight to the Historical Society Building on Mount Vernon Square - right in front of the new Convention Center.

UDC May Buy Southeastern University

The free local daily *THE EXAMINER* reported in its Jan. 12 edition that the University of the District of Columbia is considering buying SW's Southeastern University to make it into a community college.

No word yet from SEU.

Southwest Community Calendar January 24 - February 26, 2009

SAT. JAN. 24 MLK and His Century at St. Augustine's Church, 600 M St. SW, 3pm - 5 pm

MON. JAN. 26 SWNA Public meeting, St. A's Church, 600 M St. SW, 7:30 pm

TUES. JAN. 27 ANC 6D meets at its office 1501 Half St. SW, 7 pm

SAT. JAN. 31 YATF Safe Sitter class at River Park Mutual Homes, South Common Room, 1311 Delaware Ave., SW, 8:30 am

MON. FEB. 2 Groundhog Day

MON. FEB. 2, Pier 7 Luncheon on major illnesses such as breast cancer and health disparities 11:30 am.

MON. FEB. 2 ANC 6D meets in its office 1501 Half St. SW on Hope VI project in Near SE, 7 pm

TUES. FEB. 3 Police CAC, 415 4th St. SW, 7 pm

WED. FEB. 4 Art & Spirit Coffeehouse, St. A's Church, 600 M St. SW, 7 pm

MON. FEB. 9 ANC 6D regular monthly business meeting, St. Augustine's Church, 6th & M St. SW, Public welcome, 7 pm

SAT. FEB. 14 Valentine's Day

MON. FEB. 16 President's Day

WED. FEB. 18 AARP, 1311 Delaware Ave. SW, 12 noon

THURS. FEB. 19 Police PSA 104, 7 pm

MON. FEB. 23 SWNA Public Meeting, St. A's Church, 6th and M St. SW 7 pm

WED. FEB. 25 Ash Wed.

THURS. FEB. 26 NARFE, SW Library, 12:30 pm

WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS - First & Third Sat., S.W. Library, 10 am.

FIL-AM TOASTMASTERS - Second & Fourth Wed., S.W. Library, 6:15 pm.

SCHOOL ST. TOASTMASTERS - Every Tues., 400 Virginia Ave. S.W., Room 488 - noon.

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTORS Club - First & Third Wed., Christ United Methodist Church, 300 block of I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm 202-291-6229.

S.W. KIWANIS - First & Third Mon., Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I St. S.W., 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS - Every Wed. GSA Bldg - 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.

LABYRINTH WALK - First & Third Wed., Westminster Church, 4th & I St., SW, 8-9:30 pm preceded by Yoga Nidra at 7:00 pm. on the first Wed. & Tai Chi at 7 pm on second, third & fourth Wed.

WEDNESDAYS AT 3 pm - Practice GED test - free - takes 4-1/2 hrs; walk in at SW Library, between 3rd & 4th St., between I (Eye) and K SW, second floor; picture ID required. 727-6976 or 727-1616 (M, T, Th, F).

SATURDAYS SAFETY WALKERS - meet for community walks at 800 4th St. SW, 5pm

WEDNESDAYS COMEDY NIGHT at Capitol Skyline Hotel, 10 I St., SW, 8-10:30 pm

FRIDAYS JAZZ NIGHT, Westminster Church, 400 I St., SW, 6-9pm

Please submit calendar items for February events to voice mail - 202-554-8560 or by email to thesouthwester@yahoo.com by Wednesday, February 4, 2009.

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The Southwester has no classified ads.

Color

In addition to the prices listed above, full process color ads pay an additional \$100 for a half page or smaller and \$200 additional for a full page.

Ad Deadline: Wednesday, February 4, 2009



A new apartment house as part of the Copper-Carrollburg Hope VI development, will be part of the discussion at a special ANC 6D meeting Mon. Feb. 2 at 1501 Half St. SW in preparation for action at a Board of Zoning meeting.

ANC Meetings

The next business meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D will take place starting 7 p.m., Tues., Jan. 27 at the ANC office, 1501 Half St., SW. We have not yet set the agenda, but we expect it to include a vote on some ANC 6D development projects.

A February ANC 6D presentation meeting will take place starting 7 p.m., Mon., Feb. 2, at the ANC office, 1501 Half St., SW. At that time (perhaps including other matters) we expect a presentation regarding modifications to the Planned Unit Development

for the Copper-Carrollburg Hope VI project.

The Feb. business meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D will take place at 7 p.m. on Mon., Feb. 9, in the main sanctuary of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St., SW.

At its Jan. 12 meeting the ANC again endorsed the opening of Hogates as Hogate's by Kristina and will be sending to ABRA its "final" Voluntary Agreement and letter of support for a stipulated license

SW Nights at Arena Stage Jan. 30, Feb. 13

Special discount tickets for SW residents can be reserved for the 8 pm performances of *I Love a Piano* at the Lincoln Theatre, Fri., Jan. 30 and of *A Delicate Balance* at the Crystal City site, Fri. Feb. 13. Call the box office 202-488-3300.

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'09 New Year's Resolutions for SW Residents

By Glenn Favreau, www.SWDCBlog.com

Southwest is a different place after 2008. Gone is the Waterside Mall. Gone are the obstacles to the Waterfront Redevelopment. Gone is St. Matthew's Church with its many-peaked roof. Gone is the marble façade of the old Department of Transportation. And now new beginnings are right around the corner.

With the arrival of a new year, there is a lot that we can do to enrich our community. The traditional resolutions are a great place to start.

Spend more time with family and friends

In a close knit and cooperative neighborhood like ours, participation in local activities is a perfect way to get to know newcomers and to build community spirit. As we reach more and more accomplishments, we should celebrate them by attending events.

Get fit

Everyone wants to be healthier and fitter in the New Year. Some join a gym (we have one). Some run marathons (we have them). Some look to the water to get out more (we have plenty of that, too). Getting fit can also get us out in the community to enjoy the beginnings of the new development that surrounds us.

Tame the bulge

With only a few restaurants within walking distance, the temptations to go out and over eat are few in Southwest. But we do have the fish market, with plenty

of healthy, fresh seafood to improve our diets. And the walk to the river helps to burn the calories, too.

Enjoy life more

We can sometimes feel helpless with the onslaught of construction all around us. But we can build our neighborhood together, too. We can enjoy the process and improve our quality of life at the same time. Community groups are getting involved to ensure benefits for our neighborhood. Choose a meeting or two a month, and join in to take part in the process and let developers know what will make our lives better.

Help others

Volunteer work has been the heart of Southwest for years. Helping each other has made Southwest famous as a diverse community. Opportunities abound. Even giving one day a year goes a long way towards making all of our lives better.

Get a better education. Learn something new

Southeastern University quietly and efficiently serves our community and the whole city by providing quality classes put together with neighborhood input. Take a course in something interesting and check out their newly remodeled classrooms.

Relax and reduce stress

Take a walk. Enjoy our riverfront. And when our new streets open up, make them friendly and relaxing.

Happy New Year, Southwest!

When Agnes and Tobias' adult daughter comes home after her fourth failed marriage and two friends move in unexpectedly, the "delicate balance" of their family life begins to topple.

This moving, caustically funny masterpiece was hailed as "an evening of theatrical fireworks" by *The New York Times* and won Albee his first Pulitzer Prize.

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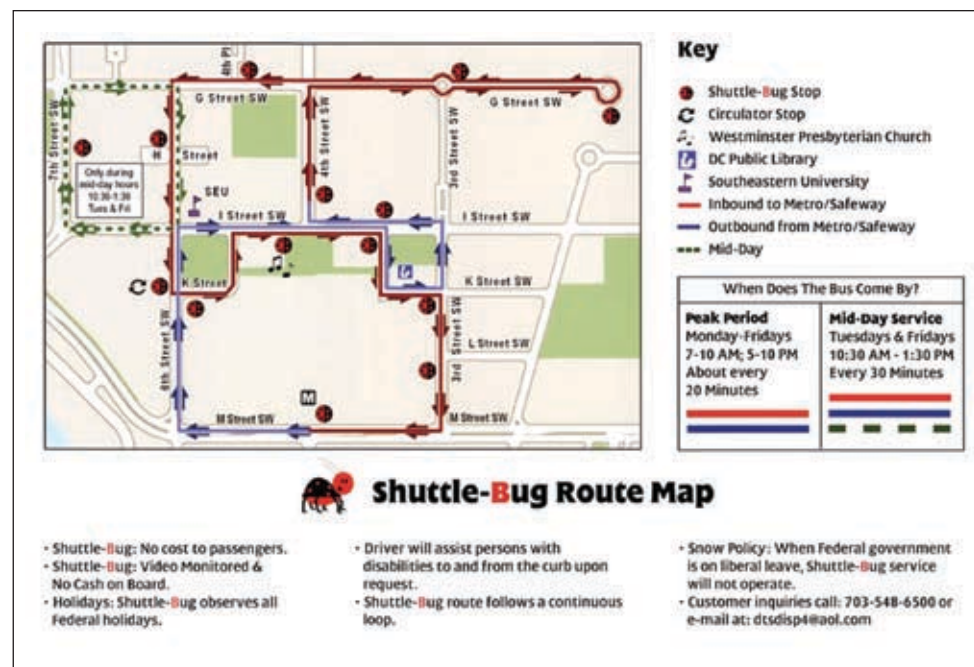
[Free bus service for three hours in the morning and five hours in the evening Mon.-Fri. now connects Metro-rail, CVS, B of A, and Safeway on M St. SW to the residential areas north of M St. SW. Additional Mid-day service is on Tues. and Fri. See map above]

By: Beth Paulson, SouthWest Action Team - SWAT

This free service connects communities north of I Street to the Waterfront Metrorail station, and to daily necessities from Safeway, CVS and Bank of America. The shuttle service minimizes the disruption to residents and pedestrians who need to travel safely to and from the north side of the Waterfront Mall construction site. Look for the Shuttle-Bus Stand stops – a logo will soon be added. The bus comes by every 20 minutes Monday - Friday from 7-10 AM and 5 -10 PM; and every 30 minutes on Tuesdays & Fridays between 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM. There is no shuttle service on weekends or federal holidays.

Diamond Transportation Services, Inc. operates the wheelchair-accessible Shuttle-Bug. Diamond is experienced in transporting seniors and people with disabilities. The bus is equipped with continuous video surveillance.

The Shuttle-Bug resulted from a focused two-year effort by the SouthWest



Action Team - SWAT; an MPD trained volunteer, problem-solving community team. Funding came from three sources: Waterfront Associates LLC (52.63%), The View at Waterfront (17.54%) (formerly Marina View Towers) and a DC government grant (29.82%).

SWAT's partnerships have been crucial to success and are deeply appreciated: the two-year unwavering support from Deputy Mayor Neil Albert and Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells; ANC6D's unanimous vote of approval; Dr. Clarence Brown's (Executive Director of the

DC Office on Aging) recruitment of a fiscal agent; and Emmaus Services for the Aging (fiscal agent), a nonprofit organization already experienced with DC grants accounting procedures and in providing transportation services. MPD's Assistant Chief Diane Grooms and First District, PSA 104 command staff and officers have been very supportive. MPO Maurice Thompson advised SWAT and reviewed routes and bus stops for safety issues. DDOT's Office of Customer Service and other DDOT staff provided advice and important assistance.

Waterfront Associates LLC and The View at Waterfront are also our partners along with the District of Columbia - Thank you to our funders. They made this free Shuttle-Bug service possible.

Planning began in January 2007 with a SWAT sponsored after-dark walk around the Mall. Conditions were simulated when the north side would be closed to pedestrians. Eighty participants brought a cross-section of perspectives that, in the subsequent work session, proposed a bus service around the construction site to remedy these conditions.

The Shuttle-Bug route, schedule, budget and management plan was presented in the summer of 2007 to city officials and developers. SWAT received unanimous approval for the shuttle from ANC6D in September 2007. Full funding was provided in October 2008. The vehicle was delivered in November and the shuttle service began on December 17, 2008.

The SWAT Transportation Committee, led by Beth Paulson with Steve Yaffe (pro bono Transportation Consultant), David Sobelsohn (ANC6D02), Guy Bergquist (Arena Stage) Sheila Morgenstern, Mac McCauley, Betsy Brener and Louise Hamaker, developed the routes, budget, management plan, & made presentations; negotiated contracts with the provider; designed and distributed brochures door-to-door throughout the target area.



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Ward 6 State Board of Education Member Lisa Raymond raises her right hand and is sworn into that office by Ward 6 Council Member Tommy Wells, left. She is accompanied by her family

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Message from Gregory McCarthy, Nationals v.p.

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We have to continue working hard to sustain this and there is certainly room for some enhancements, but we are pleased, as we hope you are, that we have achieved our mutual goal of a "transit-oriented ballpark."

Nationals Fans Left Cars Home; Award Given

(Excerpts from a release)

The Washington Nationals Baseball Club was given an award for its outstanding Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program, including moving over 45,000 people into and out of a confined geographical area, Nationals Park, on Opening Day contributing to the fifth highest Saturday ridership in the history of Metro.

More than half of the fans who attended the inaugural game, Sun. Mar. 30, took Metro. Metrorail carried 56% of Nationals fans to and from the newly expanded Navy Yard Metrorail station on the Green Line. 14% of fans were transported using the Nats Express, 59 bicyclists used the Nationals Bike Valet for the first time while 24 bicyclists chose to use the 286 bike racks surrounding the Park on Opening Day. 12% of fans walked to the Park from surrounding neighborhoods. A modest 18% of fans drove to the Park.

SWNA Ballot To be Reported Mon. Feb. 23

Nominations for officers and board members can be made from the floor at SWNA's public meeting Mon. Feb. 23 at 7:30 pm at St. Augustine's Church, 6th and Maine Ave. SW.

Names suggested to nominations chair Thelma Jones before then will be reported

at that meeting.

All persons nominated will be listed on ballots at the Mar. 21 election and spaces will be left for write-in names as well.

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The DC Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has moved its Driver Improvement Office from 301C St. NW to DMV's Penn Branch Service Center on Pennsylvania Ave SE and Branch Ave. SE.

Effective Mon. Feb. 2 "customers seeking reinstatement of their driving privileges or to schedule hearings for suspended or revoked driver's licenses must report to the Penn Branch Service Center."

301 C St. NW will continue to be the only place you can pay a parking ticket in person. The Adjudication Service (walk-in and scheduled hearings, ticket payments, boot and tow payments) all will continue at 301 C NW. Only the Driver Improvement Office (driver license reinstatements and certified driver records) will be mov-



ing to the Penn Branch Service Center. (There will be no change to the services at the SW DMV, 95 M St. SW).

DMV lists the services available at each of its service centers on its website: dmv.washingtondc.gov. Under INFORMATION click on Service Locations/Hours and click on the Center you want.

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Jan. 24

On Sat., Jan. 24 from 3 – 5 pm, St. Augustine's will end Inauguration week by hosting a community event, "*MLK and Our Century*", a tribute in music, drama and conversation to the life and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. featuring actor-filmmaker Michael Mack and a diverse panel of well-known artists, activists, politicians and educators.

The event will begin with "The Drum Major," a 20-minute live documentary written, directed by and featuring Mack as "The Voice of Dr. King" and followed by a panel discussion of this historic presidency and current events with Dr. King's values in mind. You are all invited to attend this free event.



Guest Parking Passes Good to Jan. 31

DOT planned to mail new guest passes in early January, but existing passes will be honored through January 31st. Mr. Damon Harvey from DDOT will field pass questions directly at 202.671.0493.



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Computers Awarded

[Four youth and several adults taking an eight week training program will be receiving used computers to take home.]

By Thelma Jones

A spirited group of 40 people attended the Computer-for-Kids graduation on December 20 at the Syphax Village Community Center. Sponsored by the SW Neighborhood Assembly Youth Activities Task Force (SWNA YATF) in partnership with King Greenleaf Recreation Center (KGL), four students graduated, bringing the total to 25 students since the program's inception in October 2007.

New to the ceremony were seniors from KGL's Sassy Seniors Program who were just as excited as the younger students.

Graduate Tantania Brown, served as the emcee. The welcome and greetings were done by YATF Co-Chair Dr. Beryl C. Rice and SWNA VP Carolyn Mitchell, respectively. Graduating students Danielle Townes, 11, who had perfect attendance,



Students who complete the Youth Activities Task Force classes on computers show their graduation certificates.

played "Victors" on her flute; Laffette Copeland, 12, sang the "Greatest Love of All"; and E'bony Hansberry, 7, provided a graduate's perspective.

Southwest resident and guest speaker Ron Collins chronicled his life story with a single parent in a Northwest project to achieving an advanced degree and now

working with the Assistant Secretary to the DC City Council. He also made the connection with the use of computers in his work and everyday living.

Instructor Craig Ferguson, who noted the importance of parental involvement as it related to the students attendance and overall performance and behavior, presented certificates to graduating students Danielle Townes, 13, Laffette Copeland, 12, Justin McFadden, 9, and Heniaya Moton, 8. Instructor Steve McCoy presented the certificates to Sassy Seniors Michael N. Cooke, Nathaniel Ford, and Patricia Johnson and praised them for their efforts and willingness to complete the course while recognizing some of the other graduates who were unable to attend..

Each student and senior received a goody bag for their efforts. They will also receive a refurbished computer, coordinated by Perry Klein, Chairperson, SWNA Technology Task Force. Special thanks to River Park Friends, Southwest Catering Company, Washington Cable, YATF Rick Bardach, KGL Director Henry T. Moton, IV, Instructor Gerald Brown, SWNA Ken LaCruise, ANC Commissioners Rhonda Hamilton and Ron McBee, and new YATF members Cheryl Hansberry-Moore and Dawn Hodge. The program was coordinated by YATF Program Coordinator Thelma Jones who also gave the acknowledgements and closing remarks.

YATF is currently recruiting new students for the February class which will be held weekly at KGL. Interested students should email Thelma Jones at tjones15@verizon.net or call her at (202) 488-3746.

Officiating at the computer graduation ceremony were, left to right, Dr. Beryl Carter Rice, co-chair of YATF; Thelma Jones, program coordinator; and SWNA VP Carolyn Mitchell.



New Trees by DC DOT

From December to April, DDOT's Urban Forestry Administration (UFA) will plant more than 3,000 street trees citywide in all eight wards. Go to www.ddot.dc.gov, Click Services - Tree Management. Click information - Tree Planting List. On Ward 6 list scroll down to page 7 for dozens of trees planted at SW addresses (or earlier pages for Near SE).



New trees just planted on 3rd St. SW

Honors to "Sassy Seniors"

[SW poet Elsie Duncan wrote and read this tribute to the senior citizens who had newly graduated from the computer training]

Sassy Seniors

by **elsie duncan**
email: eve/Dunc/@aol.com

You're acknowledged too in the efforts done by you. So hold your head up high Continue your skills to accomplish the things you desire.

Sassy Seniors, some may say, but you too deserve an "A". Some blossom in their later age. But you are awarded for being on stage. Congratulations in all you do. and kudos to you!



YATF graduate Ashia Marshall's mother picks up her computer from Joseph Xavier, who helps refurbish previously owned computers for graduates of the computer training course.

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